

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF  
PROPOSED TRANSITION PLAN**

**HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER**

The Director of the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), pursuant to the authority set forth in an Act to enable the District of Columbia to receive federal financial assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for a medical assistance program, and for other purposes, approved December 27, 1967 (81 Stat. 774; D.C. Official Code § 1-307.02) (2012 Repl. & 2013 Supp.), and Section 6(6) of the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code § 7-771.05(6) (2012 Repl.)), and the Director of the Department on Disability Services (DDS), pursuant to authority set forth in Title I of the Department on Disability Services Establishment Act of 2006, effective March 14, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-264; D.C. Official Code § 7-761.01 et seq.), hereby give notice of their intent to submit a transition plan for the District of Columbia Medicaid program's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver to the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for review and approval.

CMS regulations, effective March 17, 2014, and published in 79 Fed. Reg. 2948-3039 (Jan. 16, 2014), changed the definition of home and community-based services settings for HCBS Waiver services. Additionally, the new CMS regulations require that, at the time HCBS Waiver amendments are submitted, DHCF must develop and submit to CMS a transition plan identifying how the HCBS Waiver will be brought into compliance with the new outcome-oriented definition of HCBS settings; provide a thirty (30) day public notice and comment period; and provide at least one additional opportunity for public comment.

Copies of the proposed Statewide Transition Plan may be obtained on the DHCF website at <http://dhcf.dc.gov> or upon request from Trina Dutta, D.C. Department of Healthcare Finance, 441 4th St, NW, 9th Floor, Washington D.C. 20001.

There are two opportunities to provide comments on the proposed Statewide Transition Plan.

DHCF will hold a public forum during which written and oral comments on the proposed amendments and transition plan will be accepted. The public forum will be held at the D.C. Department of Health Care Finance at 441 4th St, NW, Washington D.C., 20001 on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 4 pm in the Main Streets conference room (North Building).

Written comments on this transition plan may be submitted to Trina Dutta, Special Projects Officer, D.C. Department of Health Care Finance, 441 4th St, NW, 9th Floor, Washington D.C. 20001, or by e-mail at [dhcfpubliccomments@dc.gov](mailto:dhcfpubliccomments@dc.gov), during the thirty (30) day public comment period closing Friday, March 13, 2015, at 5 pm EST.

Copies of this notice will be published on the DHCF website at <http://dhcf.dc.gov>.

For further information, contact to Trina Dutta, Special Projects Officer, D.C. Department of Health Care Finance, at (202) 719-6632, [trina.dutta@dc.gov](mailto:trina.dutta@dc.gov).